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Dr. Elliott leads recipients of Diplomas in Public Administration at the Academic Assembly October 26.

REID ELLIOTT DIES

Professor Emeritus G. Reid Elliott, a respected colleague and friend of Victoria College and the University for 25 years died at the Royal Jubilee Hospital April 11, eight days before his seventieth birthday.

Dr. Elliott was taken to hospital after suffering a heart attack Wednesday and died the following day.

He was first appointed to the staff of Victoria College in 1949 in the department of Commerce, Economics and Political Science, and was named Professor and Head of the Department July 1, 1961.

He remained in that position until 1966 when ill health forced him to resign. In October of the same year, the University honoured him with the title Professor Emeritus.

Although retired, Dr. Elliott maintained an active interest in the University which many times sought the benefit of his long years of service for advice and work on special committees.

In 1969, he took on the duties of Assistant Director of the Executive Development Training Programme for Civil Servants, and was Acting Director of the programme during the current academic year.

Dr. Elliott was born in Ontario April 19, 1904. He completed his B.A. with Honours in History and Economics at the University of Saskatchewan in 1929 and received his M.A. (1947) and his Ph.D. (1957) from the University of Toronto. While working toward his Masters degree, he served on the staff of the Royal Ontario Commission on Scientific and Industrial Research.

Funeral services for Dr. Elliott at McCall's Funeral Home April 16 were attended by Chancellor R.T. Wallace, President Hugh Farquhar and many other members of the university community.

PRISON PROGRAMME EXPANDED

A new thrust to the university's Correctional Educational Programme in Federal Penitentiaries was approved by the April meeting of Senate.

Beginning September 1, 1974, the programme will operate on a year-round basis with three four month sessions: fall, spring and summer.

The prison programme provides a basic course for new entrants and sufficient junior level courses for students to complete the first two years of university.

According to the report from the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the prison programme, the provision for year round classes will accommodate the 12-month continuous operation of the penal institutions and the desirability of relatively short term success for the inmates, and will

provide frequent entry points to the programme.

The UVic programme grew from the high school upgrading and grade 13 courses conducted in 1971 by Mr. T.A.A. Parlett of the Canadian Penitentiary Service, then a teacher at William Head Institution.

Among the courses were a survey of literature from Greek to modern times with emphasis on the more traditional values of society through the ages, and modern World History from 1900 to the present. Both courses were used as a basis for discussing social, political and ethical issues.

The senate committee report said Mr. Parlett was singularly successful in reducing recidivism in the inmates, but noted this could have been due to certain selection factors governing entry into the programme, to the programme itself, or to the unique character and abilities of Mr. Parlett. In the study for his master's thesis, Mr. Parlett was able to show changes in both attitude and cognitive style of the inmates.

Professor J.D. Ayers (Education) and Mr. Parlett received a Canadian Donner Foundation grant for \$35,000 in November 1971, supplemented by equivalent funds from the Canadian Penitentiary Service and UVic, to determine if this programme would be effective in other institutions, using other teachers.

To this end, volunteer inmates were assigned to experimental and control groups at the British Columbia Penitentiary, a maximum security institution, and at Matsqui Institution, a minimum security institution. The educational phase of the programme started in April 1972, with one and a half months of upgrading, primarily in English and Reading skills, followed by three and a half months of English and History, with credit obtained through Douglas College.

About half the students completed Sociology 100 or Psychology 100, primarily through programmed instruction. The pre- and post-instructional phase results are now being analyzed and reported by pro-

ject participants. In addition, interviews with ex-inmates, both those who participated in the programme and those from a control group, are now under way.

On completion of the educational phase of the Donner Project, UVic was awarded a contract to provide a similar programme at the British Columbia Penitentiary, beginning in September 1972 and continuing until April 1973. Forty-five men volunteered for this programme, which included approximately two months of upgrading in basic skills, and five months of first-year university courses — English 120, History 242, and either Sociology 100 or Psychology 100. Thirty-four of the inmates passed one or more of these courses. In addition, ten of the men from the Donner Project undertook correspondence courses from U.B.C., and Sociology 100 or Psychology 100 where these had not been taken in the previous programme.

UVic now has contracts that provide educational programmes at the British Columbia Penitentiary and Matsqui Institution on a year-round basis. Between May and September 1973 about 140 inmates and 40 staff at the institutions attended half-day sessions or evening sessions for upgrading in basic skills preparatory to taking the Tests of General Educational Development for British Columbia Grade XII equivalency. In mid September, 129 of 140 candidates were successful in all five equivalency examinations. Immediately thereafter approximately 60 inmates at the British Columbia Penitentiary, and 45 inmates and seven staff at Matsqui Institution enrolled in four first-year university courses for the Winter Session.

The University employs four sessional instructors, approved by the respective academic departments, to operate "schools" within each institution: Ken Peterson (Psychology), Peter Busby (English), Bob McLean (History), and Ralston Walters (Sociology). Each student receives three hours of lectures per week in each course, plus discussion and supervision of study.

During the Winter Session approximately seven members of faculty from each of the four disciplines have visited the two institutions to present special lectures. Supervision of the quality of the courses (course outlines, assignments, examinations, texts, etc.) is provided by four professors from the departments involved: G.G. McOrmond (English), A.E. Loft (History), R.B. Hagedorn (Sociology), and



GOVERNOR GENERAL VISITS

The Right Honourable Jules Léger, the Governor General of Canada on his first official visit to British Columbia spent a few hours on campus Monday, April 8.

His Excellency and Madame Léger were the Guests of Chancellor R.T. Wallace and

President H.E. Farquhar at a special reception and dinner held in the Faculty Club. Also present at the dinner were His Honour Walter S. Owen and Mrs. Owen.

Members of the representative assembly of the Alma Mater Society, the Senate and the Board of Governors met and chatted informally with the Vice-Regal couple.

R.A. Hoppe (Psychology).

The current contract has two main components: work for the Grade XII Equivalency examinations and basic introductory university courses in English and History, with elective Psychology and Sociology courses. A continuous programme evaluation is required by the Canadian Penitentiary Service as a condition of the contract.

TEACHER INTERNS

Recruitment is underway for the university's teacher internship programme which should add 120 persons to the province's teaching roster in September.

The university will hold a four month session of academic work from May to

August 1974 as part of a joint programme with the provincial government to subsidize the sending of additional teachers into B.C. classrooms.

According to Dean George Pedersen (Education) preference in selection of the 120 candidates for the UVic course will be given to persons with four years of undergraduate preparation in teaching areas currently in demand. These include mathematics, some of the sciences, music, physical education, French, art, guidance and physics, Dean Pedersen said. Favorable consideration will also be given to persons with outside work experience, those willing to teach in more remote areas of B.C. and those who show evidence of commitment and skill in working with young people.

Two means of registration are open to potential participants in the course.

Pre-registration will take place at a meeting to discuss the course at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21, in room 144 of the MacLaurin Building on the University of Victoria campus. Dean Pedersen will chair the meeting.

Alternatively, applicants may provide by registered mail before April 23 an indication of interest, accompanied by appropriate documentation and telephone number.

All applicants are required to submit a brief biographical resume, current university transcripts and personal data relevant to the programme. Queries should be addressed to the Internship Programme Coordinator, Faculty of Education, University of Victoria.

All those accepted in the course will receive a \$500 provincial government incentive grant to help cover the cost of tuition and books for the initial four month period.

Placements will be negotiated for the 1974/75 school year in teaching internship programmes at partial salary.

The money is part of a \$500,000 fund set aside recently by the provincial Department of Education to combat a predicted shortage of teachers.

Commenting on the programme, Dean Pedersen said: "We are extremely pleased that this innovative programme is now part of our teacher training programme at the secondary level.

"This programme previously functioned with great success at the elementary level in Prince George, and our current plans include the provision of the program in a variety of different communities throughout the province."

"OPERA" GOES EAST

A unique collaboration in Canadian drama is proving rewarding to both participants.

The UVic Theatre Department and the Victoria Theatre Guild have been invited to present their successful joint production of the Threepenny Opera at the Theatre Canada Festival '74 in St. John's Newfoundland, May 6 to 11.

The two theatre groups are already making plans to attend, according to Victoria Theatre Guild producer Mary Jane Scott, although the \$13,000 plus needed to finance the venture has yet to be raised.

Public donations made at the performances of the Threepenny Opera in Victoria's Langham Court Theatre March 21 to 30 are being put toward the player's travelling expenses and an application for funds has been made to the B.C. Cultural Fund, Mrs. Scott said. All donations are tax deductible.

Notification of the selection of the Threepenny Opera for inclusion in the Festival was received March 21. Victoria is the only city west of Saskatchewan to be represented in the Festival.

The Theatre Canada Festival evolved from the Dominion Drama Festival in which plays from across the nation competed for monetary prizes. The current version of the Festival is non-competitive, with plays being selected by a board of screeners sent to view eligible productions.

"What we want to do by participating in the Festival is to provide a coast to coast link," Mrs. Scott said. "It would be a pity if B.C. didn't support us."

The last time the two Victoria groups took part in the Festival was three years ago with the production of "Justice Not Revenge." The two co-operate in a joint production annually.

"One reason we were invited is because of this unique cooperation between the university and the community theatres," Mrs. Scott said. "It's advantageous to both groups and should be an example to other theatre companies in Canada."

Approximately half of the 33 persons planning to make the trip to St. John's are from UVic, including director of "The Threepenny Opera" Giles Hogya and actors Anthony Jenkins (English) and John Krich (Theatre).

Susan North (left) and Susan Goldwater in a scene from the successful "Threepenny Opera".



"The Threepenny Opera" will be the only musical to be performed at the Festival.

"There will be every kind of theatre," Mrs. Scott said, "including four or five original works."

Workshops, encounters and animation sessions will provide players from throughout the nation with the opportunity to swap ideas and discuss the presentations.

St. John's was chosen as site of the 1974 Festival to enhance the celebrations of Newfoundland's 25th anniversary as a province.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The School of Public Administration and the faculty of Education sponsored an expository lecture April 2 by Dr. Paul Alper, former O.E.C.D. consultant and visiting lecturer at the University of Trondheim, Norway, on the prospective uses of control theory in educational administration and related fields. Dr. Alper is a co-author of the Penguin Press publication *Decision Models for Educational Planning*.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies are invited to attend the following oral examinations in the coming week.

M.A. Candidate Mr. Stewart Neal Crozier will defend his thesis "Prehistoric Archaeological Contrasts of Three Valley Systems on Oahu, Hawaii" at 2:30 p.m., Monday, April 22 in room 216, Cornett Building. Copies of the thesis are available in the office of the Anthropology Department secretary and must be returned to that office no later than the morning of the examination.

M.A. Candidate Mr. Clifford Gordon Bancroft will defend his thesis "Strategies for Solving Urban Water Supply Shortages" at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 23 in room 145, Cornett Building. Copies of the thesis are available in the office of the Geography Department secretary and must be returned to that office no later than the morning of the examination.

M.A. Candidate Mr. Robert George Whitlam will defend his thesis "Tool Kit and Activity Areas at Site DhPt 10A in the Kootenay River Valley" at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 25 in room 216, Cornett Building. Copies of the thesis are available in the

office of the Anthropology Department secretary and must be returned to that office no later than the morning of the examination.

Notification of the following oral examinations was not received in time for advance publication.

Ph.D. Candidate Mr. Peter Roger Oliver defended his dissertation "Nonreinforced Imitation in Children: Effects of Prior Reinforcement Histories" (Psychology) April 15.

M.Sc. Candidate Mr. Norman Ralph Ringstad defended his thesis "Food Competition Between Freshwater Sculpins and Juvenile Coho Salmon: An Experimental and Ecological Study in a B.C. Coastal Stream" (Biology) April 16.

M.Sc. Candidate Mr. Michael Richard Noble defended his thesis "Moire Fringes in Underwater Acoustics" (Physics) April 18.

M.Sc. Candidate Mr. Andrew Paul Harcombe defended his thesis "Forest Vegetation of Long Beach, Vancouver Island" (Biology) April 18.

ALUMNI MEETING

Dean George Pedersen (Education) will be the speaker at the Alumni Annual Meeting to be held April 30 in the Green Room of the Commons Building. A Reception at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by a buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.75 per person.

CLOSED SHOPS

'The Bookstore and Campus Shop will be closed for annual stock taking Wednesday, April 24 to Friday, April 26.'

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CLASSICS

Professor Herbert H. Huxley has been elected a Trustee of the Vergilian Society of America and appointed to the new Editorial Board of three. For the fall of 1974 he will be lecturing in London to the (British) Virgil Society. Professor Huxley has accepted an invitation to contribute to the Festschrift celebrating the seventy-fifth birthday of the editor of *Classical Folia* and to compose a Latin ode in Professor Marique's honour. In *Palma*, the volume published in Sri Lanka to mark the 36th birthday of the Classical Association of Ceylon Professor Huxley has an article on *Horace* and other contributions.

EDUCATION

Dr. John Downing will participate in two international conferences in the coming month.

From April 30 to May 1 he will serve as co-chairman of the Pre-Convention Institute on "Cognitive Clarity and Children's

Concepts of Language." These events are part of the annual convention of the International Reading Association to be held this year at New Orleans.

Dr. Downing will attend the Second Hispanoamerican Congress on Difficulties in Learning to Read and Write in Mexico City May 7 to 14. He will deliver two papers in Spanish written jointly by himself and Dr. Roberto Flores (Hispanic and Italian Studies). Titles of the papers are "Causas cognoscitivas en la dislexia" and "La relacion entre la dislexia el sistema de la escritura del idioma".

Swimming, a book by Dr. Martin Collis and former Gordon Head swim coach Bill Kirchhoff has been published by Allyn and Bacon of Boston and will soon be available at the university bookstore. The book is self-instructive, designed to enable a non-swimmer to progress to the competitive level. The paperback volume, which is Dr. Collis' first, will be used in the teaching of Swimming 100. *Swimming*, is one of the series of Basic Concepts and Skills of Physical Activity published by Allyn and Bacon.

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